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TAGS: ENRG, BTRA, SA

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: ORBIT OFFERS 300,000 BPD

SUMMARY: ORBIT PETROLEUM, UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY, CLAIMS
TO HAVE 300,000 BPD SAUDI CRUDE OIL AND SEEKS
BUYERS. END SUMMARY.

1. TELEPHONE CALLER WHO IDENTIFIED SELF AS GARLAND
TAYLOR, BEIRUT REP OF ORBIT PETROLEUM CO. OF LOS
ANGELES, ASKED EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN LOCATING POTENTIAL
BUYERS FOR 300,000 BPD OF SAUDI CRUDE HE SAYS FIRM
RECENTLY CONTRACTED FOR FROM PETROMIN. HE STATES FIRM
CAN OBTAIN MUCH MORE CRUDE LATER. CRUDE AVAILABLE FOR
THREE YEARS WITH OPTION FOR FOUR MORE, ACCORDING TAYLOR,
WHO SAID ORBIT OBTAINING IT FROM PETROMIN AT 98 PER
CENT OF POSTED PRICE OR ROUGHLY \$10.50.

2. BUYERS SHOULD CONTACT TAYLOR AT BEIRUT TELEX NUMBERS
20624 OR 20626, OFFICE TELEPHONE 365 390, HOME (HOTEL
RIVIERA) 362480. BUYER MUST SIGN JOINT ORBIT CONTRACT
WITH PETROMIN. TAYLOR SAYS FULL DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE
TO POTENTIAL BUYERS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: ORBIT FIRM NOT LISTED OUR
DIRECTORIES AND UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY BUT STORY INTERESTING
ENOUGH TO CIRCULATE. IF FIRM EXISTS AND IS
LEGITIMATE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CIRCULATE OFFER, MAKING
CLEAR EMBASSY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR VERACITY
OFFER. TAYLOR UNDER IMPRESSION USG NOW BUYING CRUDE AND
ASKED US TO CHECK. PLEASE ADVISE.
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